

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	22 September 2000
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	International Drummer #185
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Martijn Bakker
Editor:	Martijn Bakker
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *International Drummer #185* is classified as:
Objectionable.

International Drummer #185 is an 84 page magazine published in May 1995 in the United States. The magazine contains a variety of articles explicitly describing and depicting bondage and discipline, humiliation and sadomasochistic sexual activity between males. These articles include fiction and photostories intended for reader sexual stimulation to informative material. Other content includes letters, video reviews, advertising for sexual services and products, international news and personal contact advertisements. The target audience is adult, homosexual males, however the magazine may appeal to other men and women involved in similar styles of sexual activity. The magazine is intended to inform, entertain, titillate and sexually stimulate the reader.

The magazine is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct and promotes and supports the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. In one fictional story intended for reader sexual stimulation, a man is assaulted by another while entering his home, rendered incapable of resistance and subjected to painful sexual conduct by violence and coercion. The narrator is afraid and then more intensely terrified and miserable about his situation, however by the conclusion he is grateful to have been treated in such a manner by the other man. In two articles about rubber fetish explicit details of the use of urine in sexual contexts are given. In these contexts, the use of urine in association with sexual conduct is presented as a pleasurable and sexually arousing experience for participants and the reader.

The relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been taken into account in determining this classification. As the publication falls under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, it is deemed objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the NZBR Act. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law.

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